

This Page Is Inserted by IFW Operations
and is not a part of the Official Record

BEST AVAILABLE IMAGES

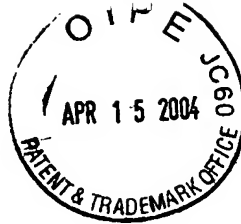
Defective images within this document are accurate representations of the original documents submitted by the applicant.

Defects in the images may include (but are not limited to):

- BLACK BORDERS
- TEXT CUT OFF AT TOP, BOTTOM OR SIDES
- FADED TEXT
- ILLEGIBLE TEXT
- SKEWED/SLANTED IMAGES
- COLORED PHOTOS
- BLACK OR VERY BLACK AND WHITE DARK PHOTOS
- GRAY SCALE DOCUMENTS

IMAGES ARE BEST AVAILABLE COPY.

**As rescanning documents *will not* correct images,
please do not report the images to the
Image Problem Mailbox.**



Practitioner's Docket No. 4231/2055

PATENT

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(FOR PATENT APPLICATION)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:
My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below, next to my name.

I believe that I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter that is claimed, and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD FOR THE DETECTION OF GENE TRANSCRIPTS
IN BLOOD AND USES THEREOF**

(check one) ☐ is attached hereto.
☒ was filed on June 20, 2003 as
Application Serial No.: 10/601,518
And was amended on _____, if applicable

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do now know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37 CFR § 1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)		Date Filed	Priority Claimed	
Number _____	Country _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Number _____	Country _____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Serial No.: 10/601,518

Page 2

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
1. 60/115,125	January 6, 1999

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s), or § 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States, listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States or PCT international application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status - patented, pending, abandoned</u>
1. 10/268,730	October 9, 2002	
2. 09/477,148	January 4, 2000	

POWER OF ATTORNEY

I hereby appoint the following practitioner(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

APPOINTED PRACTITIONER(S)

REGISTRATION NUMBER(S)

Kathleen M. Williams	34,380
Richard B. Smith	34,020
Paula Campbell Evans	32,503
Anthony Miele	34,393
Barbara Gyure	34,614
David Dykeman	46,678
Mark J. FitzGerald	45,928
Elizabeth Neuman Spar	45,123
Matthew M. Beaudet	50,649
Michael P. Doyle	49,052
David Rucando	52,184
Sundar Subramanyam	53,651
Cynthia Zhang	53,827

Serial No.: 10/601,518

Page 3

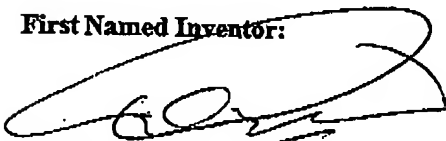
Address all correspondence to:

Kathleen M. Williams
Customer No.: 29933
Palmer & Dodge, LLP
111 Huntington Avenue
Boston, MA 02199-7613

Direct all telephone calls to Kathleen M. Williams at (617) 239-0100

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

First Named Inventor:



Date:

6 Jan / 04

Inventor's Signature

Name: Choong-Chin Liew

Residence: 81 Millersgrove Drive

Toronto, Ontario M2R 3S1

Citizenship: Canada

Post Office Address: